

Session 11-01 A Special Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order at 5:05 P.M. on January 13, 2011 by Chair Angie Newby at Cowles Council Chambers located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

**PRESENT:** COMMITTEEMEMBERS MILLER, NEWBY, FELLOWS, APLIN

**ABSENT:** COMMITTEE MEMBER WOLFE (EXCUSED)

**STAFF:** DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

MILLER/APLIN - MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

### **RECONSIDERATION**

There were no items for reconsideration.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*(Minutes are only approved during regular meeting.)*

There were no minutes for approval.

### **VISITORS**

There were no visitors scheduled.

### **STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS**

Ms. Krause did not have any formal report for this meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no items for public hearing.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

- A. Administrative Guidelines and Meeting Day Time Revisions
  - 1. Excerpts from the Council Meetings regarding the Proposed Changes
    - a. October 11, 2010 Regular Meeting
    - b. October 25, 2010 Regular Meeting
    - c. November 22, 2010 Regular Meeting
    - d. December 13, 2010 Special Meeting

- e. December 13, 2010 Regular Meeting
2. Memorandum 10-148 dated December 3, 2010 from City Attorney Klinkner
3. Ordinance 10-55 prepared by City Attorney
4. Emails from Chair Newby

Chair Newby summarized the chain of events surrounding the proposed changes to the guidelines and meeting time/day change request. She reported the outcome of a special meeting council scheduled on December 13, 2010 to discuss these proposed changes and the proposed revisions from the City Attorney. She stated that the fleshed out recommendations on the committee responsibilities were stricken from those changes. The most important role the committee has encouraging Public Art and working with the private sector in the community remained intact. It was noted that comparing the attorney recommendations and the changes the committee proposed were almost entirely different. The attorney was concerned with sections of the previously approved guidelines that the Committee was not requesting any change. Chair Newby was able to explain to the Council and Attorney the reasoning behind the changes. She expressed some concern over the reluctance displayed by Councilmember Hogan regarding a need for the Public Arts Committee. She was not able to look into this deeper and was really wondering what is concern was regarding the Public Arts Committee. Some items agreed upon or noted were:

- Bryan Zak as council member representative
- Reduce membership requirements from seven to five members.
- Moving the Committee Reports to after the Commission Reports so they would not have to wait until the end of the meeting to make their reports.
- Change in meeting time was allowing the group to have a better percentage of meetings held.
- Areas of concern by the Attorney were not changed by the committee. It was original language.
- Agreement reached that changes were to Homer City Code and therefore should be changed by ordinance.
- Explanation on the committee member make up being people involved in the fields of art is preferred but members should have an interest in the arts.
- This item postponed again until the January 24, 2011 meeting.

Chair Newby explained that she actually had a list of 12 items that the committee as whole needed clarification on from the council and attorney.

There was no further discussion.

#### B. Gateways

1. Email from Anne Marie Holen regarding Byways Grants

Chair Newby stated that Carol Harding was back in town for a short time and had mentioned that there may be some funding available for Baycrest Rest Area.

Transcription of the audio was hampered by a static disturbance in the recording.

Discussion included a program for signage that is actually the topic under new business. Chair Newby stated Special Projects Coordinator Holen was confident that there was some funding available under the Byways Grant giving a possibility of two sources for one project and was up to assisting the committee with the grant process. Chair Newby inquired if the committee was up to a worksession at 4:00 p.m. before the regular meeting in February.

The committee had a brief discussion regarding notification to Ms. Fox with the State Council on the Arts that there is no artwork or art in the building. Ms. Miller will notify her.

Ms. Aplin has not tied down a date that was agreeable to all parties she will try to get that accomplished before the next meeting in February. Ms. Miller commented that it would be strategic to announce the Airport Mural Celebration/Recognition Ceremony too.

Chair Newby further commented that Ms. Holen has stated that if they applied for a planning grant for Baycrest it would be easier to get and the committee could schedule worksessions and open houses to have community input on what they would like to see up at Baycrest. Ms. Aplin commented that they still have not listed the 2011 Byways Grant Program. The Partners could also provide input during these meetings.

Ms. Fellows expressed concerns with any work or changes affecting the gardens that have had a lot of work put into them.

Chair Newby will contact Ms. Carol Harding and invite her to a worksession for the next meeting. She has expressed an interest to meet with the Committee soon as she is only here in Homer until March. Chair Newby expounded some on the addition of artwork at Denali Park.

Staff will email a request to Ms. Holen to see if she could attend the worksession.

There was no further discussion.

### C. Strategic Plan

Chair Newby introduced the item that it is necessary to update this document since they were unable to address it at the last regular meeting in November. She would like to review the existing plan noting that there should be no changes to the Mission Statement or Implementation.

It was noted that they remove the following items:

- Encourage membership to include a council member.
- Work towards creating a comprehensive Policy and Procedures Manual and Forms to be used to control and document inventory of public art.
- Change Meeting Time and Day to the second Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

They requested the following changes to listed goals:

- Compile emails and information collected from Street Faire for Staff to implement bulk email notifications.
- Advocate and establish a budget line item within the administration yearly budget.
- Change the 2011 Strategic Plan to 2012

The committee agreed to add under Opportunities:

- Art Walk Brochure in house by updating existing brochure created for Street Faire
- Trails – Poetry and Art

Changes under Committee Responsibilities

- Change monthly worksessions to regular as needed. Do not have a meeting unless there is something important that they need to address.

There was a brief discussion on the Art Walk brochure and the status on that project. It was noted that once it was clarified that the committee did not have funding for the creation, printing and distribution of a brochure. The discussion encompassed creation and distribution of the brochures without costs. Ms. Aplin noted that the cruise ships are very reluctant to distribute information on free stuff. Staff was requested to contact Ms. Erickson to see if she would be willing to provide or distribute the brochures on her vehicle and if she would be willing to come to a meeting to discuss this opportunity or provide ideas for the committee. Ms. Fellows noted that many visitors from the ships that visited Two Sisters but the various art galleries stated they did not have much traffic from the cruise ships.

There was a brief discussion on the viability of turning the existing document into an awareness/art walk brochure and the museum brochure. Ms. Miller noted that this discussion was not germane to the agenda.

APLIN/MILLER - MOVED TO APPROVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2011.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION.UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding a worksession prior to the regular meeting on February 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The time was subject to change if not approved by Council at the January 24, 2011 meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on concepts of a "Poet's Trail" and "Art Expeditions"

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no informational items.

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

None.

### **COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER** *(If one is assigned)*

None.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

Deputy City Clerk Krause had no comments.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Newby stated that they should consider election of a new Chair and put that item on the next agenda. A brief discussion on if she wanted to step down or was tired of doing it ensued and she affirmed that she did not want to appear self-serving and allow someone else the opportunity. Ms. Miller stated she would volunteer only if Ms. Newby did not want to be chair anymore. There was consensus that Ms. Newby could continue as Chair.

Chair Newby commented on the response from council on items that had already been codified did throw her some, but she believes all is good now. She complimented the Clerk on her exemplary work and assistance with the changes to the Administrative Guidelines.

### **COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Miller commented on speaking at Council meetings for the committee and she did not feel that she was qualified to speak on the Committee's behalf until officially introduced.

Ms. Fellows thanked the Chair and the Clerk for all their hard work getting the changes approved. She inquired about Councilmember Hogan's comments. Ms. Fellows stated he is trying to cut expenditures for the City and believes he is a good person. She will try to speak to him regarding the Public Arts Committee to sway his opinion.

Ms. Aplin thanked the Clerk for all her efforts, hard work, and the Chair for expending her time in resolving this issue with the changes. She will try to have a date set before the next meeting for the airport mural.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Newby adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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Renee Krause, Deputy City Clerk I

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